I. <u>AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:</u>

Kindly amend claims 1-12 and 15 as follows.

The following Listing of Claims replaces all prior listings, or versions, of claims in the above-captioned application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A free curved surface precision machining tool for precision-machining a surface to be machined with athe lower end in contact therewith by rotation around a verticalan axis z of a tool body of the precision machining tool, the precision machining tool comprising:

a drum-shaped tool having an orthogonal axis x orthogonal to the <u>vertical</u> axis z <u>of the</u> <u>tool body</u> and rotationally driven around the orthogonal axis x,

wherein the drum-shaped tool has a convex machining surface in the form of an arcuate rotary body obtained by rotating an arc of a-radius r with the center of the arc at the intersection O between the vertical axis z and the orthogonal axis x around the orthogonal axis x, whereby the convex machining surface contacts the surface to be machined to precision-machine the surface to be machined latter, while the convex machining surface is rotated around the orthogonal axis x so as to disperse athe machining position of the convex machining surface.

- 2. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) The free curved surface precision machining tool according to claim 1, wherein the radius r is set to be smaller than athe maximum radius R of the convex machining surface from the orthogonal axis x, whereby the position control of a machining trajectory is performed at the center O of rotation of the arc.
- 3. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) The free curved surface precision machining tool according to claim 1, wherein the radius r is set to be larger than athe

maximum radius R of the convex machining surface from the orthogonal axis x, whereby the position control of a machining trajectory is performed at athe center A of athe lowest arc.

- 4. (Currently Amended) The free curved surface precision machining tool according to claim 1, wherein the convex machining surface of the drum-shaped tool is <u>provided by made of a grindstone</u> or a cutter.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The free curved surface precision machining tool according to claim 4, wherein the <u>convex machining surface is provided by the grindstone that</u> includes a metal in <u>aits</u> bonding material <u>of the grindstone</u>.
- 6. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) The free curved surface precision machining tool according to claim 1, further comprising a non-machining section for protecting the <u>lower</u> end of the convex machining surface without direct involvement in machining, <u>wherein</u> the non-machining section <u>isbeing</u> adjacent to the convex machining surface of the drum-shaped tool.
- 7. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) The free curved surface precision machining tool according to claim 6, wherein the non-machining section is made of <u>a first</u> material <u>that wearswearing</u> out more easily than a grindstone bonding material so as not to damage the surface to be machined, and <u>the first material of the non-machining section</u> includes a conductive material in its material.
- 8. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) The free curved surface precision machining tool according to claim 1, further comprising an impeller disposed on both sides or on one side of the drum-shaped tool and a flow channel disposed to emitfor emitting a jet of fluid to the impeller in the rotative direction, wherein the drum-shaped tool is rotationally driven around the orthogonal axis x.

- 9. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) The free curved surface precision machining tool according to claim 1, further comprising a belt in contact with anthe outer peripheral surface of the drum-shaped tool and a pulley for holding the belt between the pulley and the drum-shaped tool, wherein the drum-shaped tool is rotationally driven around the orthogonal axis x by rotation of the belt.
- 10. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) The free curved surface precision machining tool according to claim 9, wherein the belt has a polishing surface on <u>athe</u> side in contact with the outer peripheral surface of the drum-shaped tool so as to correct the convex machining surface of the drum-shaped tool as soon as the drum-shaped tool begins to be rotationally driven.
- 11. (Withdrawn and Currently Amended) The free curved surface precision machining tool according to claim 6, further comprising a pulley in contact with <u>anthe</u> outer peripheral surface of the non-machining section and a belt for rotationally driving the pulley, wherein the drum-shaped tool is rotationally driven around the orthogonal axis x by rotation of the pulley.
- 12. (Currently Amended) The free curved surface precision machining tool according to claim 1, further comprising a driven gear disposed on both sides or on one side of the drum-shaped tool and a main driving gear disposed to drive for driving the driven gear, wherein the main driving gear is belt-driven so as to rotationally drive the drum-shaped tool around the orthogonal axis x.
- 13. (Original) The free curved surface precision machining tool according to claim 1, further comprising correction means for correcting the convex machining surface of the drum-shaped tool.

- 14. (Withdrawn) The free curved surface precision machining tool according to claim 13, wherein the correction means is formed of grindstone, electrolysis, or discharge means or combined means thereof.
- 15. (Currently Amended) The free curved surface precision machining tool according to claim <u>13</u>12, wherein the correction means functions simultaneously with the machining of material to be machined.